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2. Japan Patent Application No. JP 7-117605, published May 9, 1995 discloses: To provide such an air bag device for an automobile that can sufficiently secure installation strength of the air bag and can not spoil the original function of the air bag without too much attention to commerciality of appearance.

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